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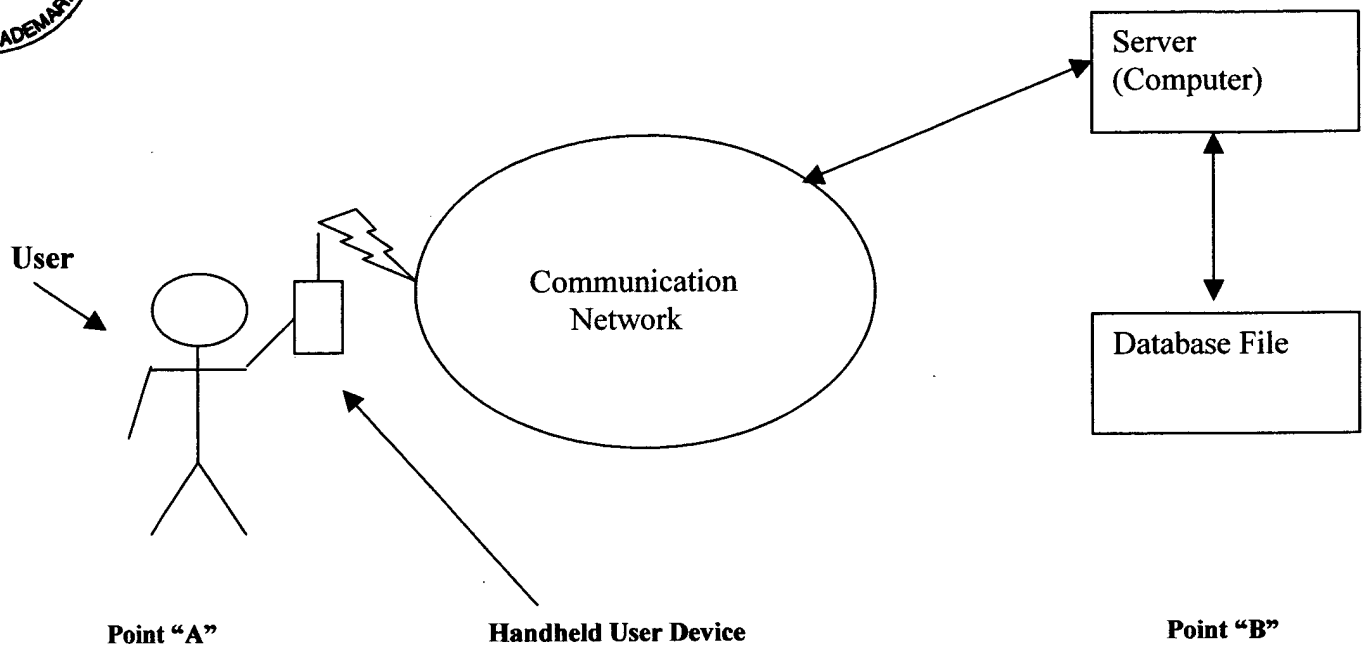
Summary Of Final Office Action Response

Figure 1 is an illustration of Walsh et al's patent. In figure 1 you have a "User" holding a Walsh et al's patented device. The "User" is able to access information stored in the Server's database via a communication network using the patented handheld device. Communication between the user and the server is liver and bi-directional.

Figure 2a is an illustration of the one half of the Applicant's invention. In figure 2a you have a "User" holding an input device (wireless phone). The "User" is able to forward information to a server via a communication network using an input device (wireless phone, fax, wired phone, computer terminal, et cetera.) Communication between the Server and the input device is uni-directional.

Figure 2b is an illustration of the other half of the Applicant's invention. In figure 2b you have a Server transmitting information via a communication network to a device (figure 2b, EA-Router) at a remote location. The device (EA-Router) is able to verify the incoming information has the right access code to be accepted at the remote location. The EA-Router also has the ability to forward the received information (instructions) to a target appliance (figure 2b, VCR), and affect the future behavior of the targeted appliance base on the forwarded instructions. The illustration of the Applicant's invention is divided into two parts, because the second part "Figure 2b" only occurs after the user has terminate the connection between their input device and the server.

The components of Figure 2b are absent from Walsh et al, Segal et al, Irie, and Goto patents. Therefore, no amount of recombining the four would equal or make obvious the Applicant's invention. There is no Anticipation or Obviousness to the Applicant's invention.



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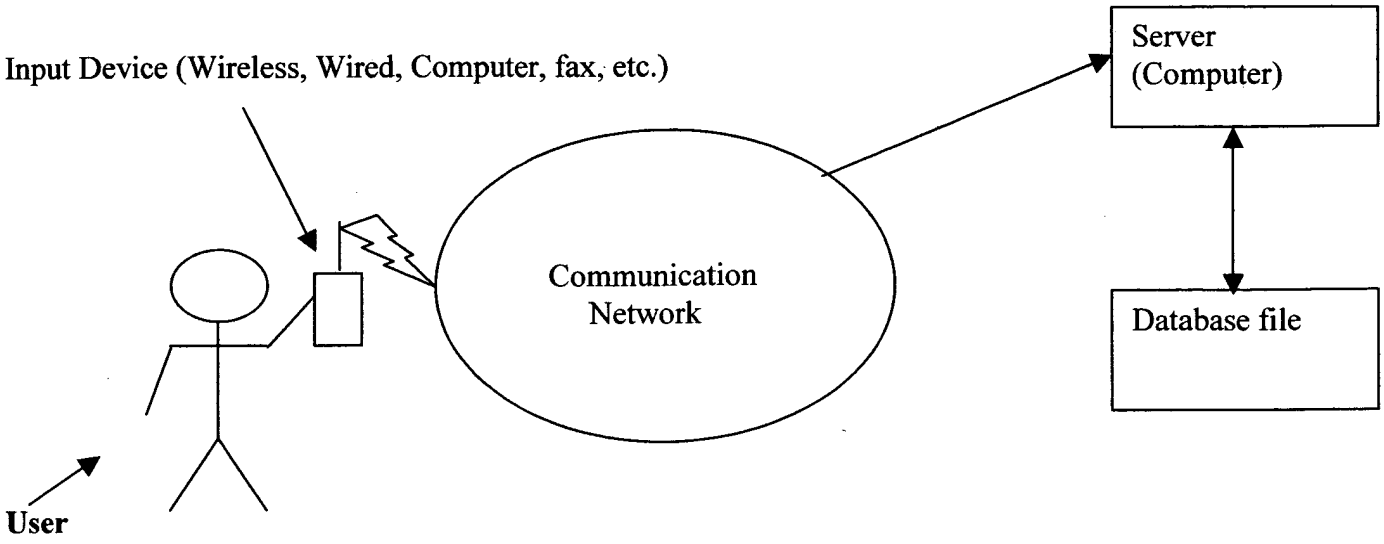
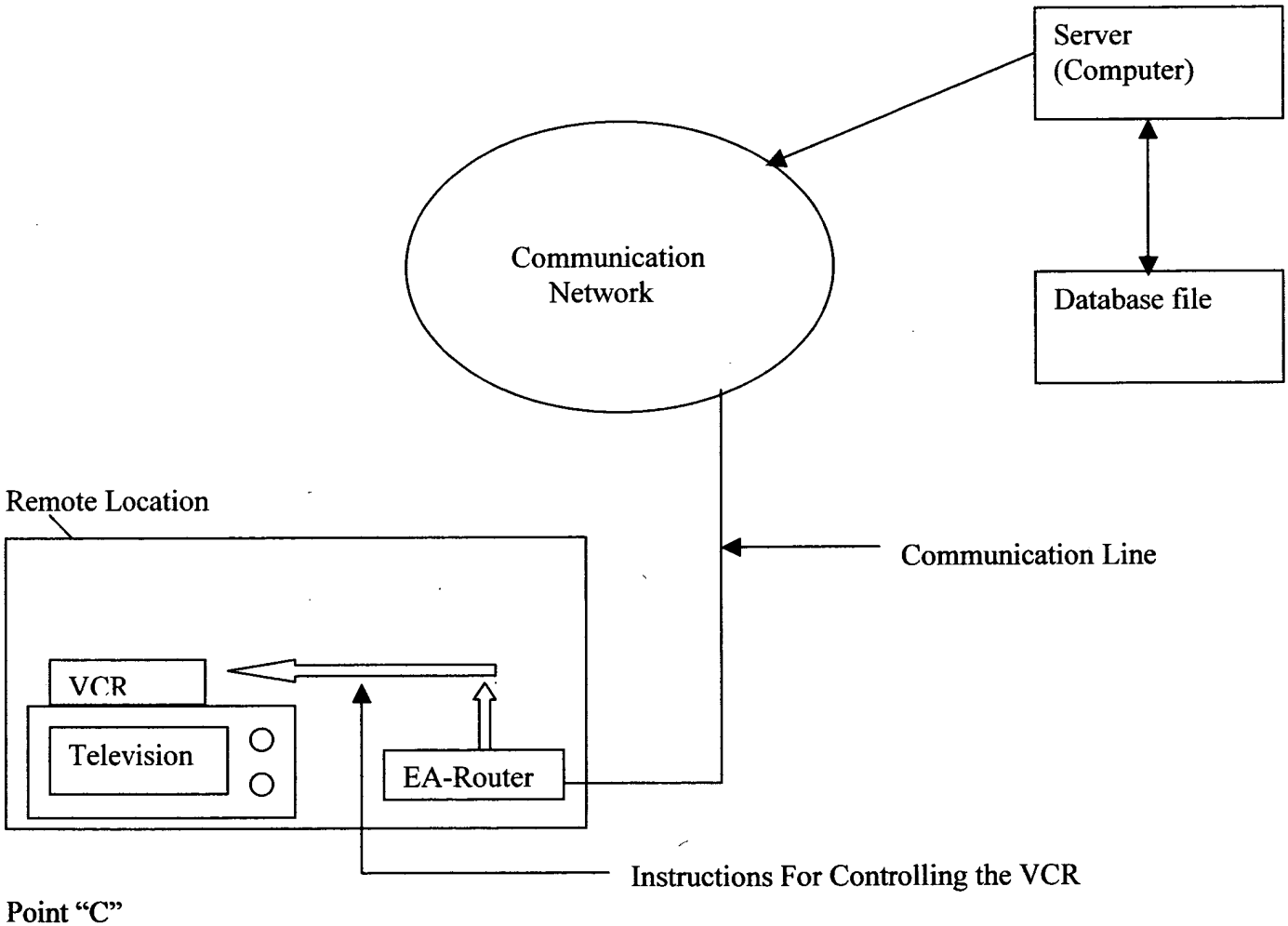


Point "A"

Figure 2A

Point "B"



Point "C"

Figure 2B

Table 1

Comparison Of Walsh et al and Applicant's Inventions

Item	Walsh et al	Applicant
Real-Time Bi-directional Communication	Yes	No
Returns Process Information to The Sender	Yes	No
Control Devices At the Server Location	Yes	No
Multimedia Information Handling Capabilities	Yes	No
Can Use DTMF To Transmit Information Sought	No	Yes
Control Devices Remote To The Server Location	No	Yes
Transmits Control Instruction To a Third Site	No	Yes
Device is Mobile / Portable	Yes	No